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Letter dated 25 May 2015 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to bring to your attention the joint military exercises of the United States and south Korea, entitled "Key Resolve" and "Foal Eagle", which have been conducted against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) during the months of March and April 2015.

These US-south Korea joint military exercises were the real nuclear war games of aggression which mobilized all kinds of the latest strategic nuclear strike means with the purpose of occupying Pyongyang, the capital of the DPRK, in order to remove the leadership of the DPRK. This clearly shows the aggressive nature of the US-south Korea joint military exercises against the DPRK.

It is also natural that the DPRK has to build up its self-defence deterrent against the aggressive military threats of the United States. The recent underwater test-fire by the DPRK of a ballistic missile from a strategic submarine is a legitimate measure of a sovereign State to bolster up its self-defence capability against the provocative military manoeuvres of the United States.

In case the Security Council only makes an issue of the self-defence underwater test-fire by the DPRK of a ballistic missile from a strategic submarine, while ignoring the provocative joint military exercises by the United States and south Korea against the DPRK, the Council will be proved to be a political tool of the high-handed and arbitrary practice of one permanent member, which would be against the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

The DPRK Government is of the view that the Security Council should consider the issue of the US-south Korea joint military exercises as a root cause of the vicious cycle of aggravating the situation on the Korean Peninsula as well as a grave threat to the maintenance of international peace and security.

Therefore, I strongly request that the issue of the US-south Korea joint military exercises be placed on the Security Council agenda and that a meeting of the Council be urgently held in accordance with Articles 34 and 35 of the Charter of the United Nations.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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